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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVESU.S. House of Representatives
112th CongressEMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Employee (print or type): JOHN BLAIRName of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/ARelationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____Date of Departure and Date of Return: JUNE 25, 2011 - JULY 3, 2011Dates at Personal Expense: N/AItinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): WASHINGTON, DC - JERUSALEM -
TEL AVIV - WASHINGTON, DCSponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION
FOUNDATION (AIEF)Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): MEETINGS WITH
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MULTIPLE REPORTERS AND
BLOGGERS AND SMALL BUSINESS/START UP OWNERS

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; **and**
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

If not, explain: _____

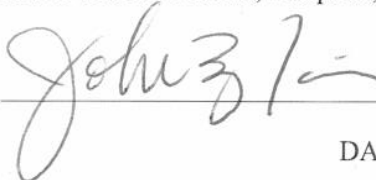
TRAVEL EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$2,105.21 (AIR) \$314.47 (GROUND)	\$1,752.00	\$728.19
For accompanying family member:	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	\$1,764.65	SECURITY, TOUR GUIDE, ENTRANCE FEES, SPEAKER HONORARIA, WATER, MICROPHONES, ETC.
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:



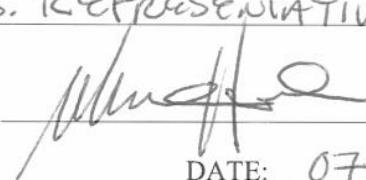
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I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN HEINRICH

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:



DATE: 07/18/2011

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June 17, 2011

Mr. John Blair
Office of the Honorable Martin Heinrich
336 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blair:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel scheduled for June 25 to July 3, 2011, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒ Please see addendum
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached
Please see attached
6. Dates of travel: June 25-July 3, 2011
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, DC - Tel Aviv - Washington, DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: _____
AIEF's fundamental purpose is to maintain and further the relationship between the U.S. and Israel.
AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding all aspects of the trip.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: _____
AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing education programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: _____
Business class on a commercial airline.
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$114
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Leonardo Jerusalem; Sheraton Tel Aviv; Nof Ginosar Tiberias
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): _____
Leonardo Jerusalem \$251; Sheraton Tel Aviv \$273; Nof Ginosar Tiberias \$157
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Location and affordability

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2102.95 air/\$247.50 ground	\$1,685	\$800
For each accompanying family member			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1853.50	Please see addendum
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name and title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Fax number: (202) 347-5232

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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AIEF Congressional Staff: Educational Seminar in Israel
June 25-July 3, 2011
Addendum

3. Our Congressional trip program is funded entirely by unrestricted donations made by our members to either our general operating fund or to our general trip fund.

21. Specific nature of other expenses:

Security \$575 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Tour Guide \$188 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Entrance Fees \$35 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the Davidson Museum in Jerusalem; and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Speaker Fees \$225 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Room Rentals \$77.50 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Tips \$85 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Other \$420.50 per person

-Water, snacks, hotels and meals for tour guides/drivers/speakers

-Briefing materials

-Microphones for speakers

-Flowers for Friday night dinner host

AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
June 25-July 3, 2011

House Invitees

FIRST	LAST	EXPLANATION
John	Blair	Director of Legislation and Communication for Rep. Martin Heinrich (D-NM), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Rachael	Bornstein	Legislative Director for Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Breanna	Cameron	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Tasha	Cole	Chief of Staff for Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Talia	Dubovi	Appropriations Associate for Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Pablo	Duran	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Jessica	Elledge	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Chris Murphy (D-CT), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Colleen	Gilbert	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Tyler	Grassmeyer	Legislative Director for Rep. Steve Austria (R-OH), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Kevin	Gundersen	Staff Director for the relevant Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work on relevant issue areas.
Rachel	Hines	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.

Mike	Jerman	Legislative Director for Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Johnnie	Kaberle	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), who serves on the relevant House Appropriations Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Casey	Kustin	Senior Advisor for Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Riley	Moore	Professional Staff Member for the relevant Committee on Foreign Affairs. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work on relevant issue areas.
Sean	Moran	Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI), who serves on the relevant House Homeland Security Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Emily	Murry	Policy Advisor for House Majority Whip Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Christopher	Perry	Senior Legislative Assistant for Rep. Buck McKeon (R-CA), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Christopher	Raymond	Legislative Director for Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Jose	Rodriguez	Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant for Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Allison	Rose	Legislative Director for Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Kathleen	Schmermund	Staff Director for Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ), who serves on the relevant House Financial Services. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Alexander	Shively	Senior Policy Advisor for the Republican Study Committee; Rep. Tom Price (R GA-6). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Tyler	Stapleton	Foreign Policy Legislative Assitant for Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY). AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Courtney	Temple	Legislative Director for Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.

Luis	Torres	Legislative Director for Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), who serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee and House Intelligence Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.
Jeff	Vanderslice	Legislative Director for Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), who serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that advise members of Congress on relevant issue areas.

AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
June 25-July 3, 2011
Itinerary

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2011

6:00 PM Depart Washington, D.C.

6:52 PM Arrive in Philadelphia

9:15 PM Depart Philadelphia

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2011

3:15 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

5:00 PM Check-in at Leonardo Plaza Hotel

6:30 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation (Israel staff)
- at the hotel

7:15 PM *The Jewish Connection to the Land of Israel*
Dinner with Dr. Ian Stern, Archeologist
- at the hotel

Overnight in Jerusalem

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2011

8:00 AM *The New Middle East*
Breakfast with Dr. Eran Lerman,
Deputy Director, National Security Council

9:30 AM *The Pulse of Israel Today*
Coffee with Herb Keinon
Senior Diplomatic Correspondent
The Jerusalem Post

10:45 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

Part One: The Old City and the Holy Basin

Part Two: Outlying Neighborhoods and the
Security Barrier

Lunch en route

3:45 PM	Survey ends Depart for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4:30 PM	<i>Israeli Perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i> Discussion with Amb. Danny Ayalon, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
5:45 PM	Depart / return to hotel / break
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	<i>Israel and Its Neighbors: Political and Military Perspectives</i> Dinner with Senior Ha'aretz Arab Affairs and Military Affairs Analysts, Avi Issacharoff and Amos Harel
	Overnight in Jerusalem

TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2011

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:15 AM	Depart for <i>Yad Vashem</i> Holocaust Memorial and Museum
8:45 AM	Guided Tour of <i>Yad Vashem</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Ingathering of Exiles: How Israel Integrates New Immigrants</i> Visit to the <i>Mevasseret Zion</i> Immigrant Absorption Center
12:30 PM	Depart for the American Colony Hotel
1:15 PM	<i>Palestinian Perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i> Lunch with representatives of the Palestinian Authority
2:45 PM	Depart / return to hotel
3:30 PM	<i>A View From the Palestinian Street</i>

Coffee with Khaled Abu Toameh
Palestinian Affairs Correspondent
The Jerusalem Post

4:45 PM Meeting ends / break

6:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:00 PM *The Israeli Political Scene Today*
Dinner and Discussion with Staffers and
Advisors to Members of Knesset from the
Spectrum of Israeli Politics

Overnight in Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2011

7:00 AM Check-out

8:00 AM *Democracy Facing Terrorism and
Deligitimization in the International Arena*
Breakfast with Dr. Daniel Taub
Senior Legal Advisor
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:15 AM Depart / travel south

11:00 AM Visit to the Town of Sderot on the
Israel-Gaza Strip Border
- Tour of Sderot
- Strategic Briefing
- Meeting with local residents
- Lunch

1:30 PM Depart / travel toward Tel Aviv

2:30 PM *Israel's Missile Defense System*
Visit to the Palmachim IDF Base
- Strategic Briefing

4:00 PM Depart

5:00 PM *Israel's Strategic Regional Concerns*
Briefing at the IDF Headquarters
Tel Aviv

6:15 PM Depart / Check in at Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with Israelis from different
walks of life

Overnight in Tel Aviv

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2011

7:00 AM Check-out

8:00 AM *U.S. Embassy Briefing*
Breakfast with U.S. Embassy Staff

9:30 AM Depart for Tel Aviv University

10:15 AM *The Arab Spring – Regional Strategic and
Political Developments*
Seminar with Senior Staff at the Institute for
National Security Studies

11:45 AM Depart

12:30 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Depart

1:30 PM *Israel's Quest for Defensible Borders*
Visit to the West Bank Settlement of
Alfei Menashe

2:30 PM Depart / travel north

5:00 PM *Northern Border Concerns*
Visit to Kibbutz Misgav Am
on Israel's border with Lebanon

6:00 PM Depart / check-in at the Nof Ginossar Hotel
on the Shores of the Sea of Galilee

7:30 PM Depart for Dinner at Decks

Overnight at the Nof Ginossar Hotel

FRIDAY, JULY 1ST, 2011

7:00 AM	Check-out
7:45 AM	Breakfast on own
8:30 AM	Depart
9:00 AM	Visits to Sites of Historical and Religious Significance Around the Sea of Galilee
11:00 AM	Depart / travel up to the Golan Heights
12:00 PM	<i>Northern Border Concerns</i> Visit to Israel's Border with Syria
1:00 PM	Lunch at the Kibbutz Merom Golan
2:00 PM	Depart / travel back to Jerusalem Via the Jordan Valley <i>On the way: Discussion of Israel's strategic relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</i>
5:00 PM	Check-in at Leonardo Jerusalem Plaza Hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for the Old City Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall
8:00 PM	Traditional Sabbath Eve Dinner With a Jerusalem family
	Overnight in Jerusalem

SATURDAY, JULY 2ND, 2011

7:00 AM	Wake up call
7:30 AM	Breakfast on own
8:00 AM	Depart for Masada and the Dead Sea
	<i>En route: Making the Desert Bloom – Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Geopolitics of the Roman Empire –</i>

Lessons for Today
Visit to Masada National Archeological Park

12:30 PM	Lunch and free time at the Dead Sea
2:30 PM	Depart / travel back to Jerusalem
4:30 PM	Return to hotel
6:30 PM	Check-out and depart for Closing Dinner
7:00 PM	<i>Bringing It All Together – the importance of the U.S.-Israel Relationship</i> Closing Dinner
8:30 PM	Depart for the airport
11:55 PM	Depart Tel Aviv

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD, 2011

5:20 AM	Arrive in Philadelphia
9:45 AM	Depart Philadelphia
10:50 AM	Arrive in Washington, D.C.

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- at the hotel

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Part Two: Outlying Neighborhoods and the
Security Barrier

1:00 PM	Lunch -at Boulghurgi
3:45 PM	Survey ends / travel back to next meeting
4:30 PM	<i>Israeli Perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i> Discussion with Mark Regev, International Media Advisor to the Prime Minister -at the office
5:45 PM	Depart / return to hotel / break
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	<i>The Israeli Political Scene Today</i> Dinner and Discussion with Staffers and Advisors to Members of Knesset from the Spectrum of Israeli Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Shani Ashkenazi, Kadima Party▪ Mati Gill, former advisor to MK Avi Dichter▪ Jonathan Javor, Kadima Party▪ Renee Kaly, former advisor to MK Anastasia Michaeli▪ Noah Sleprow, Atzmaut Party▪ Roi Wilf, National Unity Party▪ Dana Yimeharan, Kadima Party -at Teenim, Confederation House
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8:00 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
9:15 AM	Depart / travel south
11:00 AM	<i>Living with the Threat of Rocket Fire</i> Visit to the Town of Sderot on the Israel-Gaza Strip Border - Tour of Sderot, meet local resident Eeki Elner - Strategic Briefing

12:30 PM	Lunch with local resident Eeki Elner -at Netachim
1:30 PM	Depart / travel toward Tel Aviv
2:30 PM	<i>Israel's Missile Defense System</i> Visit to the Palmachim IDF Base - Strategic Briefing
4:00 PM	Depart
5:45 PM	<i>Israel's Strategic Regional Concerns</i> Briefing at the IDF Headquarters -at the Kirya
6:15 PM	Depart / Check in at Herod's Hotel
8:00 PM	Depart for dinner
8:30 PM	<i>The Israeli Mosaic</i> Dinner with Israelis from different walks of life ▪ Itai Weiss ▪ Yael Dor ▪ Sheana Schechterman ▪ Mira Marcus ▪ Bini Zomer ▪ Tal Keinan -at Spoons Overnight in Tel Aviv

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2011

7:00 AM	Check-out
7:45 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:30 AM	<i>U.S. Embassy Briefing</i> Breakfast with Mr. Matthew Eussen First Secretary, at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv - at the hotel
9:30 AM	Depart for Tel Aviv University
10:15 AM	<i>The Arab Spring – Regional Strategic and Political Developments</i> Seminar with Senior Staff at the Institute for

National Security Studies

- Dr. Mark Heller, Principal Research Associate
 - Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Associate
 - Mr. Joel Guzansky, Research Fellow
- at the Institute for National Security Studies

11:45 AM	Depart
12:30 PM	Lunch -at Camillia
1:15 PM	Depart
1:30 PM	<i>Israel's Quest for Defensible Borders</i> Visit to the West Bank Settlement of Alfei Menashe
2:30 PM	Depart / travel north
5:00 PM	Visit Sea of Galilee -Visit Yigal Allon Museum
6:00 PM	Depart / check-in at the Nof Ginossar Hotel on the Shores of the Sea of Galilee
7:30 PM	Depart for Dinner
7:45 PM	Dinner -at Roberg
	Overnight at the Nof Ginossar Hotel

FRIDAY, JULY 1ST, 2011

7:00 AM	Check-out
7:30 AM	Breakfast on own
8:45 AM	Depart
9:00 AM	Visits to Sites of Historical and Religious Significance Around the Sea of Galilee
11:00 AM	Depart / travel up to the Golan Heights
12:00 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns</i>

Part Two: Strategic tour of the Israel-Syria Border

1:00 PM	Lunch at the Kibbutz Merom Golan
2:00 PM	Depart / travel back to Jerusalem Via the Jordan Valley
	<i>En route: Discussion of Israel's strategic relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</i>
5:00 PM	Check-in at Leonardo Jerusalem Plaza Hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for the Old City Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall
8:00 PM	Traditional Sabbath Eve Dinner At the home of Yefet and Kathy Ozeri
	Overnight in Jerusalem

SATURDAY, JULY 2ND, 2011

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own
8:00 AM	Depart for Masada and the Dead Sea
	<i>En route: Making the Desert Bloom – Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Geopolitics of the Roman Empire – Lessons for Today</i> Visit to Masada National Archeological Park
12:30 PM	Lunch and free time at the Dead Sea
2:30 PM	Depart / travel back to Jerusalem
4:30 PM	Return to hotel
6:30 PM	Check-out and depart for Closing Dinner
7:00 PM	<i>Bringing It All Together – the importance of the U.S.-Israel Relationship</i> Closing Dinner -at the hotel

8:30 PM Depart for the airport

11:55 PM Depart Tel Aviv

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD, 2011

5:20 AM Arrive in Philadelphia

9:45 AM Depart Philadelphia

10:50 AM Arrive in Washington, D.C.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: John Blair

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: U.S. Rep. Martin Heinrich (NM-1)

Office address: 336 CHOB, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: (202) 225-6316

Email address of contact person: john.blair@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
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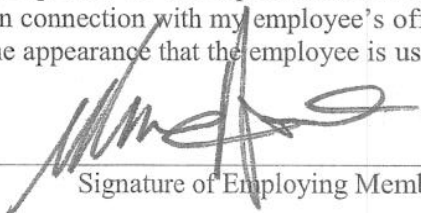
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: John Blair
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: June 25, 2011 - July 3, 2011
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: N/A
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: N/A
c. Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
As Legislative Director, I advise the Congressman on all policy matters including foreign affairs and issues related directly to Israel and the Middle East.

9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: June 6, 2011


Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

Blair, John

From: Rachel Levin [rlevin@aiefdn.org]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Blair, John
Subject: Invitation to AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel June 25-July 3, 2011



AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

June 6, 2011

John Blair
The Office of Rep. Martin Heinrich
336 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear John,

We would like to invite you to join us for an educational seminar in Israel for congressional staff sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). This trip, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, will depart on Saturday, June 25th and return on Sunday, July 3rd.

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF strives to provide qualitative and balanced educational symposia not only for Congress and congressional staff, but also for students and the public at-large. Established in 1990, AIEF has earned a reputation for producing informative and thought-provoking seminars in Israel. All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with House rules.

This intensive seminar will explore critical foreign policy and national security issues affecting both Israel and the United States, and how the two countries cooperate in dealing with these issues. The program will include discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. The program will also include:

- Briefings on the continuing threat posed to the U.S. and Israel by an Iranian regime committed to acquiring nuclear capabilities;
- In-depth discussions on the Israeli and Palestinian political climate and prospects for peace as well as the political changes taking place in the

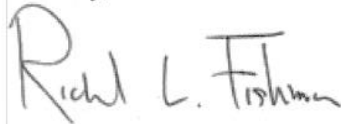
region;

- A visit to Israel's Southern border and briefings on the threat posed by ongoing rocket fire from the Hamas-controlled Gaza strip;
- A strategic survey of Israel's northern border, site of the 2006 Israel-Hizballah war;
- Visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

No later than 14 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting two forms, as well as a copy of this invitation, to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. AIEF will provide you with a copy of the "Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form". You must also submit a completed and signed "Traveler Form" to the Committee. AIEF is committed to ensuring that every aspect of the trip complies with the House travel rules. If you have any specific questions about the rules, please contact the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

We hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational seminar. If you are able to participate, please fill out the Confirmation Form [attached to this link](#) and return by fax to 202-347-5232 or by e-mail to rlevin@aiefdn.org along with a copy of your passport information page and bio. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rachel Levin at 202-639-5203 or rlevin@aiefdn.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Fishman
Executive Director,
American Israel Education Foundation

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